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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion With OBGI Personnel re Procurement of Still
Photography

Participants:

[Redacted box]

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1. The meeting with OBGI personnel resulted from OBGI dissatisfaction with the ground photography available for use in an NIS General Survey on Algeria specifically, and in general for other reports. I had suggested to [redacted] that we meet so that I could explain to him the range of sources available to DPSD to procure still photography.

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2. It developed that an OBGI review of the master photo file on Algeria showed four photos of potential value and one of these had been used in the NIS now being revised. [redacted] indicated that this situation is generally true for all areas. [redacted] said that some personnel from other government agencies who write NIS studies had stopped reviewing the master photo file because of its lack of adequate and pertinent photography. She specifically mentioned Department of Commerce. I told [redacted] that viewing the photo file and then leaving without making their requirements known contributed to the lack of adequate collection since those responsible were not aware of the inadequacies of the file and of the customers needs. I suggested that in every such case that they should discuss their needs with the pertinent ISG analyst. I also pointed out that the analyst may have non-accessioned photography in a dossier that might not be available to the customer unless he discussed his needs with the analyst.

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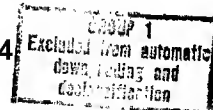
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3. I reviewed all sources of photography both domestic and foreign and discussed the possibility of obtaining photos from film and videotape. However, I pointed out that adequate lead time was necessary to obtain photography from many of these sources since only [redacted] and films and videotapes on hand were under our direct control. I did state that with the wide range of sources available and adequate lead time it was highly unlikely we would be unable to obtain photography on any given area or subject.

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25X1 4. [] presented an NIS Production Schedule for the remainder
of Fiscal Year 1971 and all of Fiscal Year 1972, a schedule that should
fill the DPSD need for sufficient lead time. [] indicated that
25X1 almost nothing was available on some areas and mentioned Korea specifi-
25X1 cally. I informed him of the monitoring of []
[] a new source of photo-
graphy that should become productive within two months.

25X1 5. [] asked what our reaction would be if OBGI were to have an
employee sit in the CRS for the purpose of selecting photos for the OBGI.
He said that the C/OBGI was very anxious to update photography available
and was prepared to assist. After some discussion it was decided that
perhaps two people would share the duty, spending one to two days weekly
in the CRS. We also agreed that this individual could prepare caption
25X1 reports. I told [] that the idea had considerable appeal and that
I would discuss it with my superiors and would talk with him later on
this subject.

25X1 6. I asked [] whether OBGI was interested in color photography.
He said that they were very interested but had recently been told not to
move into this areas at the present time. He assumed that this was because
of the cost factor and believed the restriction came from the DDI level.
He did, however, say that there was a strong desire to use color photo-
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persons, vegetation, etc., much more could be conveyed by color photos.
I told [] that we had recently made some inquiries into color photos
and that the cost differences may not be as great as it would appear to
be on the surface. I told him that I would pursue this and would also
attempt to determine what the increased cost would be in terms of the
number of NIS reports published by OBGI. [] said that the average
run for the NIS was 500 reports. 25X1

25X1 7. [] said that the present system of having the photography
behind the barrier worked a hardship on her since she had to accompany
non-Agency customers who were not properly cleared. I explained to her
the reason for this concentration and the one point service concept that
resulted in the present organization. I also explained the present CRS
organization and the relative responsibilities of the SSG and the ISG.

8. I informed the C/SSG of the above and we notified the Director
and Deputy Director/CRS. The D/CRS had no objection to the stationing
of an OBGI employee in CRS to select photography. However, he did request
that this be discussed with the C/ISG.

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